

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of Show-Me State residents who have proven to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of their spiritual leadership; and

**Whereas**, James C. "Jim" Long of Marshall, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as the pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, a religious calling that he will draw to a close on September 1, 2007, in well-deserved retirement; and

**Whereas**, a third-generation Presbyterian minister, Jim Long was born in Clinton, Missouri; grew up in Ferguson; and graduated from the College of Wooster in Ohio in 1966 and from Princeton Seminary in 1969; and

**Whereas**, Jim Long served churches in Auburn, Menands, and Brockport, New York, before arriving at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Marshall, where he was elected as pastor in November 2001 and began active service in early 2002; and

**Whereas**, an esteemed member of the Marshall Ministerial Alliance, Jim Long also has been active in the Missouri Union Presbytery and its Committee on Ministry, the Butterfield Youth Services Board, and the Marshall Rotary Club; and

**Whereas**, Jim Long is the beloved husband of Susan Small, who has been an invaluable partner in all of her husband's ministries and has been a leader in the Marshall church by helping in the choir, worship services, and the day to day operation of the church; and

**Whereas**, Jim Long is justifiably proud also to be known as the loving father of James Long, Jesse Long, and Laura Long and as the devoted grandfather of four children, all of whom are justifiably proud of his additional activities as a singer with the Marshall Community Chorus; and

**Whereas**, noted for his empathy and compassionate prayers for the sick and hurting members of his faith community, Jim Long enjoys exercising, journaling, meditating, gardening, and walking dogs:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and spiritual accomplishments garnered down through the years by Jim Long and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to James C. "Jim" Long of Marshall, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Joe Aull  
District No. 26

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker